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TODAY



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TUESDAY



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INSIDE



New swine flu cases in Europe, U.S., Latin America

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEXICO CITY – The swine flu epidemic spread deeper into the United States, Europe and Latin America – and in Canada, back to pigs – even as Mexico's health chief hinted Sunday it might soon be time to reopen businesses and schools in the nation where the outbreak likely began.

The virus spread to Colombia in the first confirmed case in South America, worrisome because flu season is about to begin in the Southern Hemisphere. More cases were confirmed in Europe and North America; health officials said at least 934 people have been sickened worldwide.

Dr. Richard Besser, acting chief of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said swine flu is spreading just as easily as regular winter flu.

"The good news is when we look at this virus right now, we're not seeing some of the things in the virus that have been associated in the past with more severe flu," Besser said. "That's encouraging, but it doesn't mean we're out of the woods yet."

On Sunday, health officials raised the number of confirmed U.S. swine flu cases to 241 in 34 states. The new number, up from 160 on Saturday, reflects streamlining in federal procedures and the results of tests by states, which have only recently begun confirming cases, said Dr. Anne Schuchat of the CDC.

Mexican Health Secretary Jose Angel Cordova said the virus that has killed 19 people in Mexico and sickened at least 506 apparently peaked here between April 23 and April 28. A drastic nationwide shutdown appears to have helped prevent the outbreak from becoming more serious, he said.

"The evolution of the epidemic is now in its declining phase," Cordova declared.

He said officials would decide Monday whether to extend the shutdown or allow schools and businesses to reopen on Wednesday.

Pablo Kuri, an epidemiologist advising Cordova, told The Associated Press on Sunday that tests have confirmed a swine flu death in Mexico City on April 11, two days earlier than what had been believed to be the first death.

He also said there have been no deaths among health care workers treating swine flu patients in Mexico, an indication that the virus may not be as contagious or virulent as initially feared.

The closed events made for a surreal Sunday in Mexico, as parishioners celebrated Mass via television, camera operators were the only ones in stadium bleachers and parks, museums, restaurants, theaters and other attractions were closed.

Sunday also marked the official start of campaigning for July 5 congressional elections – but all public campaigning was banned to prevent gatherings where the virus could spread.

Gabriela Cuevas Barron of the conservative National Action Party giddily claimed she was launching Mexico's first virtual campaign, promising in a Webcast to work for a cleaner and safer Mexico City – for now, through Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. Meanwhile, the leftist Democratic Revolution Party was already up with a Facebook page for its candidates.

A FRESH START

Snyder is back.

Check out Spring Game coverage on Page 6.



Head coach **Bill Snyder** talks with tight ends coach **Ricky Rahne** during the first half of the annual Purple-White Spring Game at Snyder Family Stadium on Saturday.

Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Sunset Revival features 10 bands in concert; T-shirt money to go to paralysis foundation



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ABOVE: Nick Riling, senior in apparel marketing, dances in front of the main stage at the Sigma Nu fraternity house on Saturday afternoon during Sunset Revival. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The Floozies duo perform to a smaller than expected audience of people attending the beginning of the Sunset Revival event.



By Tim Schrag
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The annual Sunset Revival Concert presented by Sigma Nu and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternities offered good music for a good cause Saturday.

Kyle O'Grady, sophomore in pre-optometry and Sigma Nu member, said the concert has been around since the late 1990s, and all of the event's proceeds go to the Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Foundation.

"It definitely met my expectations," said Daniel Stewart, junior in public relations and Sigma Nu member. "It was the best way you could give back to charity. Sunset Revival is an event I want to be able to come back to 10 years down the road."

Traditionally, T-shirts have been sold in lieu of tickets for the event, and those who purchase the typically tie-dyed shirts wear them to gain entry to the concert.

This year's shirt featured a rainbow tie-dyed design for \$20.

"This shirt is so great," said Melissa Taylor, junior in political science and mass commu-

nications. "I love the Sigma Nus."

Stewart said the amount raised from the T-shirt sales is yet to be totaled.

Ten bands performed on Saturday on two stages – the main stage was located on Sigma Nu's front lawn and the second stage was on its back lawn. Bands that performed included Ballyhoo!; Wrong Way; Mr. Chaz; Tide House; Triad6; Blue Cream Billies; Muzizi; The Floozies; Lloyd Likes Mike; and Matt, Scott & Johnny.

Stewart said The Floozies and Blue Cream Billies were two of the crowd's favorite bands.

When asked why they agreed to perform, members of Blue Cream Billies said they were "trying to bring the girls."

"Sunset was a lot of fun," said Holly Robben, sophomore in hotel and restaurant management and event attendee. "The bands were kind of no names, but they were still good. The shirts were kind of expensive, but it's worth it because it goes to a good cause."

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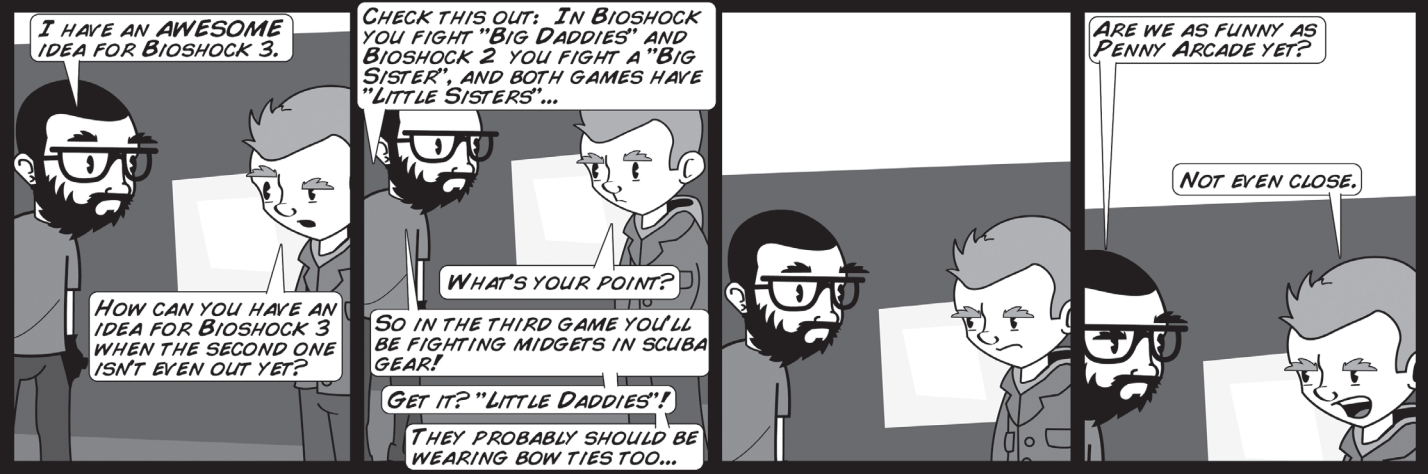
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PHC to vote on sorority extension for Zeta Tau Alpha at K-State

By Elise Podhajsky
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State Greek Affairs recently confirmed plans to bring a new national panhellenic sorority to campus. After final candidate organizations Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma and Zeta Tau Alpha visited campus two weeks ago, K-State Panhellenic Council members decided ZTA would be the best fit for K-State, said Meghan Butler, PHC president and senior in finance.

According to a resolution drafted by the PHC Extension Committee, ZTA “impressed” the committee with its “commitment and development of local alumni.” There are at least eight ZTA alumnae members who serve as K-State faculty and staff and 10 ZTA alumnae in the immediate Manhattan area have agreed to serve a new colonization in an advisory capacity.

ZTA also is not a completely new name to the K-State

greek community. According to the resolution, it had an active chapter on campus from 1931 to 1941.

However, to finalize a new ZTA colonization, Butler said the resolution must pass by a majority vote when it is presented in the PHC meeting tonight. If it passes, Butler said this would mean ZTA will become K-State’s 12th national panhellenic sorority in fall 2010.

If it fails, the resolution would go back to the PHC extension committee. However, Butler said she does not anticipate any setbacks.

“I believe that the [greek] community will pass the resolution,” she said.

Butler said K-State has not had a sorority extension in 17 years. The most recent sorority to join campus was Sigma Kappa in 1992. Butler said every sorority on campus – with the exception of one – is at total, meaning they are at or over membership capacity.

“That’s kind of a strong indication it is time to bring on

a new chapter,” Butler said. “This is a very exciting process especially since it’s been 17 years since we got to do this, so it’s kind of fun to go in there and do it ourselves.”

The meeting is scheduled to take place at 7 tonight in the Alpha Xi Delta house, 601 Fairchild Terrace. Butler said all members of the community are welcome to attend.



K-State alumnus **Matt Hill** plays the keyboard for the opening band, The Floozies, on the main stage at Sigma Nu for Sunset Revival on Saturday afternoon. **Hill** plays guitar, keyboard and bass for The Floozies.

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A burning issue



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Legalizing would not help



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The push for legalizing marijuana has some star power behind it. From staunch conservatives like the late William Buckley Jr. to libertarians like the late Milton Friedman, from Rep. Barney Frank to musician Carlos Santana, public figures have lined up to legalize taking a toke.

Why do I, along with 60 percent of Americans, disagree? Though I can't speak for everyone, I think I can boil it down to a few factors. Legalization would increase government bureaucracy even more, it would increase the availability of drugs to underaged people, and it would not seriously help crime or abuse rates.

Liberals dislike expansion of the government into the private sphere, while conservatives dislike its market-distorting effects and libertarians just hate it all. Well, we would get to see all sorts of bloated government if marijuana was legalized.

First, legalizing marijuana wouldn't mean the end of the War on Drugs. There are several other drugs out there for the government to fight. Channels used for transporting marijuana are also used to move heavier drugs. Also, considering the high taxes that would undoubtedly be enforced on the marijuana trade, illegal operations could stay in business by undercutting the legal marketplace.

Second, regulatory agencies would inevitably spring up. Alcohol, tobacco and even children's toys are regulated by the federal government, and marijuana will certainly not get off the hook. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms would get a name change and another job to screw up.

Speaking of ATF, legalizing marijuana would make it easier for minors to access the drug. Currently, underage drinking is a multibillion dollar market, so imagine how underage marijuana usage would end up.

Results from the 2004 National Survey on Drug Use and Health show that "adults who had first used substances at a

younger age were more likely to be classified with dependence or abuse than adults who initiated use at a later age."

The tobacco industry has been accused of targeting underaged people because minors are more easily baited by tobacco than adults. This also holds true for drugs like marijuana. Marijuana is nothing we want around children, and legalizing it would certainly move the two menaces closer.

Let's be honest: Marijuana is not an innocent, harmless drug which does nothing wrong. It does nothing good to your lungs, works as a great demotivator and can ruin your life.

Contending that legalization would not increase marijuana use does not hold water. To paraphrase "Field Of Dreams," if you legalize it, they will come. Marijuana use would increase, just as alcohol use jumped up after Prohibition ended.

Every marijuana advocate loves to bring up the Netherlands to show how great legalization is for a country. If it works that well, then why haven't other European countries followed its lead in the last three decades?

Even the Dutch government has avoided actually legalizing marijuana, instead leaving it technically illegal since taking the policy of a "gedogen" — blind eye — toward weed. Surely 33 years of successful policy would have been expanded and exported to other countries.

Legalizing marijuana would not end the War on Drugs, but would increase government control and create more trouble. We already have alcohol and tobacco around, why bring another drug into the mix?

Let the Dutch have their Mary Jane. I prefer my bourbon.

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Stereotyping common



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The criminalization of marijuana is rooted in racism, propaganda and the Drug Enforcement Agency's manipulation of both to further the white man's agenda. The continued persecution of cannabis users symbolizes the last gasp of a government studded with closed doors and sweeping generalizations about substances that alter the conscience. But beyond the historical statutes of dissent forever looming over marijuana users like gargoyles bugged by the DEA are plumes of hope for a better tomorrow — or at least a more entertaining episode of "Family Guy."

Humor me for a few paragraphs and reconsider the environment we live in, where crawling from one poisoned well to another is celebrated by hoards of young people drinking from last night's puke pitchers.

For most K-State students, Aggieville provides a perfect stage for two (or more) sweaty strangers to meet and fall in love for an evening of chugging contests and suggestive winks exchanged over shots. It's like they mistake the wafts of warming beer floating around as pheromones concocted by nature to attract a suitable mate every single weekend.

How many regurgitated beer nuts do you have to pick out of your teeth the next morning to realize that spending \$40 to bump uglies with whatever is lying next to you in bed isn't worth it?

I'm speaking from experience. I spent about three months in the greek world, striving to meet the heroic bar set for each pledge who wants to prove themselves by crawling with the best of them. After spending my first K-State football game withering under the sun and silently throwing up when no one was looking, I swore it would be my last. We've all made that promise to ourselves

at some point, but I'm here to tell you that marijuana helped me keep that promise to myself. I'd be damned if I ever scraped a beer nut out of my teeth again.

Why am I ostracized from society and threatened with incarceration for preferring the noxious fumes of a burning bush to abusing my gag reflex with Jim Beam? You can research the historical implications I mentioned earlier on your own time; I'd suggest starting with the documentaries "Grass" and "SuperHigh Me," which are both available at Digital Shelf. Both films do a great job at lining up the facts in plain, entertaining English, as I am doing here, but with the added benefit of celebrity spokesmen like bonehead Woody Harrelson and high-eyed Doug Benson.

And while I'm furiously typing this column in a dead-week manic panic, I'd like to give a shout out to all my ladies out there with overworked cannabinoid receptors (you know who you are if you know what I mean.) We've endured years of misinformed social stigma about pot smokers and brownie eaters, forced to ally ourselves with couches laden with male gamers who scratch and sniff their pajama pants more than an overheated thong on a Saturday night in Aggieville.

So yo ho ladies and gentlemen of the herb. Do not be ashamed of your personal taste in downers or your aversion to spending hours in heels tramping around town only to stumble home barefooted the next morning. The high of marijuana is far superior to how far one must stoop to accurately hurl into a toilet at Last Chance Saloon.

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Fourum, I just checked you off my list.

Who is the Seaton stalker?

This is the Seaton stalker.

I'm driving by Club Orleans, and there are two Roto-Rooter vans out front. Go get yourself some, guys.

To the guy on the pink scooter: We're sorry for laughing at you, but you're a guy. On a pink scooter.

To the guy and his dog who were fortunate enough to have their window down while I was splashing puddles with my car: I'm sorry.

If my boss was a hooker, I'd totally punch him in the face.

Jeremy, it's F'd up you snitched on Jamison.

FYI you spelled my fiance's name wrong. It's Collin with two L's.

The guy I call Superman: You rescued my football from the raging river Thursday on the street between Ackert and Cardwell. It made my day.

Oh, yeah, life goes on. Something something something, and the devil wears thongs.

To all the people throwing their gum in the bush outside of Hale: That's nasty. You wouldn't want people throwing gum in your bush, would you?

The library is infested with cockroaches.

Environmentalists shouldn't have banned DDT because there are cockroaches all over the library. Gross.

Did you know that cockroaches can fly and climb things? They have six hairy legs and up to 18 knees. Gross.

Did you know that one in five children are allergic to cockroaches? And they carry salmonella, E. coli and all sorts of other nasty stuff. The library should seriously do something about this.

Did you know that cockroaches can hold their breath for up to 40 minutes, and that they don't breathe out of their mouth, they breathe out of their sides. Ewww.

Roaches roaches roaches. Roaches galore. Come see all the cockroaches at Hale Library.

Thank you, best bicycler, for turning around and saving us with the best directions.

Drunk bicycler, please stop talking to me.



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Riding on



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Manhattan offers various trails for bikers of all experience

By Rico van Buskirk
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For students interested in taking advantage of the spring weather, riding a bicycle provides a low-impact means to stay fit and have a good time. Manhattan residents have several trails that provide traffic-free alternatives to riding on the often-congested streets of their city.

THE RIVER TRAILS

Mountain bike trails can be found just east of Tuttle Creek Boulevard beyond the Kansas River levee. While not officially recognized by the city, these so-called “River Trails” are a haven for riders interested in riding non-technical single-track. The loop boasts fast-flowing sections that require minimal experience or technical bike handling skills to have a great time.

The River Trails are not strewn with rock gardens or extreme climbs or descents as are found on more difficult trail systems. For anyone interested in picking up mountain biking, this loop provides suitable terrain to obtain valuable off-road experience.

Location: East of Tuttle Creek Boulevard between the levee and the Kansas River
Access Point: Enter via the Linear Trail near the U.S. Highway 24 bridge and the Manhattan Water Treatment Facility
Difficulty: Beginner to intermediate

Distance: 2 miles (one-way)
Pros: Fast-flowing single-track
Cons: Lots of blind corners, so watch out for riders up on the trail
Trail highlights: Various stunt jumps interspersed along the trail at the top of ravine drops and in a small basin, providing adequate opportunity to show off

FANCY CREEK STATE PARK

Arguably the most suitable trails for more experienced riders desiring a test of their technical skills, the Fancy Creek Trails, near Tuttle Creek Reservoir, provide just the challenge.

“It’s the most challenging riding in the area,” said Tyler Whetstone, junior in industrial engineering and president of the K-State Cycling Club. “[The Fancy Creek trails] are the best single-track within a couple hours’ drive. They really develop good bike-handling skills. I don’t think I’ve ridden the whole thing without putting a foot down.”

For riders seeking a challenge, Fancy Creek is the place to find it. For the less experienced, recent upgrades to the trail have made certain sections far more rideable.

Whetstone said the past rainy off-season has been damaging to the trails, but thanks to the work of Dan Oldehoeft, bike coordinator for the City of Manhattan, and several other advocates, the trails have been

groomed back to a pristine, rideable state.

Location: Fancy Creek State Park, 25 miles north of Manhattan, 2 miles east of the intersection of U.S. Highway 24 and Kansas Highway 16, near Randolph, Kan.
Access Point: Enter on the north side of Kansas Highway 16, just west of the bridge crossing Tuttle Creek Reservoir
Difficulty: Intermediate to Advanced
Distance: 5.5 miles
Pros: Most technical single-track within a few hours of Manhattan, great diversity of terrain
Cons: Almost 20 miles north of campus.
Trail Highlights: Great views of Tuttle Creek and the surrounding hills and plains.

MANHATTAN LINEAR TRAIL

The most accessible trail around Manhattan is the Linear Trail. This stretch of trail surrounds a great portion of the city’s north, east and south sides, providing an easy, gravel-paved means to get active. Linear Trail is great for casual riding and allows anyone an easy escape from the hectic, traffic-ridden streets of Manhattan. Running, walking or bicycling are all possible on this recreational trail.

“You don’t need any fancy bike to ride on the Linear Trail,” said Whetstone. It is this casualness that makes the Linear Trail

such a valuable asset to Manhattan.

A suitable ride for families and people looking to get some fresh air, the Linear Trails are worthy of an hour’s exploration.

Location: The trail circles much of the city and could eventually surround all of Manhattan.
Access Points: Fort Riley Boulevard and Fourth Street (Turn south on Fourth Street, and the trail will be to your left), Fort Riley Boulevard and Manhattan Avenue (Turn south on Manhattan Avenue. There is plenty of parking at Griffith Park, and the trail is south of the ball fields), Fort Riley Boulevard and Richards Drive (Turn north of Richards Drive, and the trail is behind the Clarion Hotel), Anderson and Wreath avenues (next to the fire station), U.S. Highway 24 and Levee Drive (There is parking across from Levee Drive), Casement Road and Hayes Drive
Difficulty: Beginner
Distance: 15 miles, not continuous and depends on construction
Pros: Easy gravel trails for riders of any ability.
Cons: Part of the trail is closed while a bank of Wildcat Creek is stabilized
Trail Highlights: An abundant amount of entry points enabling easy access



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For night bike riding in Manhattan, a crucial safety precaution is having the proper illumination on the front, rear and tires of a bicycle.



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Ashley Riggs, junior in political science, rides her bike last Tuesday on Linear Trail. Linear Trail can be accessed by nearly all bikes and is also suitable for running and walking.

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Different tactics

Game highlights new team, coaching methods

By Steve Berklund
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The sun might not have been out, but that didn't mean things didn't look bright for K-State fans as Saturday marked the return of K-State football legend Bill Snyder.

Returning to the sidelines meant things were going back to normal. There were no open practices this spring, no autograph signings, no barbecue contests and, well, no real excitement.

Snyder likes to get a continuity going with his first team, as the first team offense played the entire game for the Purple squad Saturday as they beat the White team 45-0 at Snyder Family Stadium.

The game started out slowly as the White team, which was composed of mostly second-team players and backups, went three and out to give the Purple team momentum. The Purple team marched right down the field and scored as senior running back Keithen Valentine scored the first touchdown of the afternoon.

Valentine's afternoon wasn't over as he would find the end zone one more time in the fourth quarter during his 20-carry, 92-yard performance.

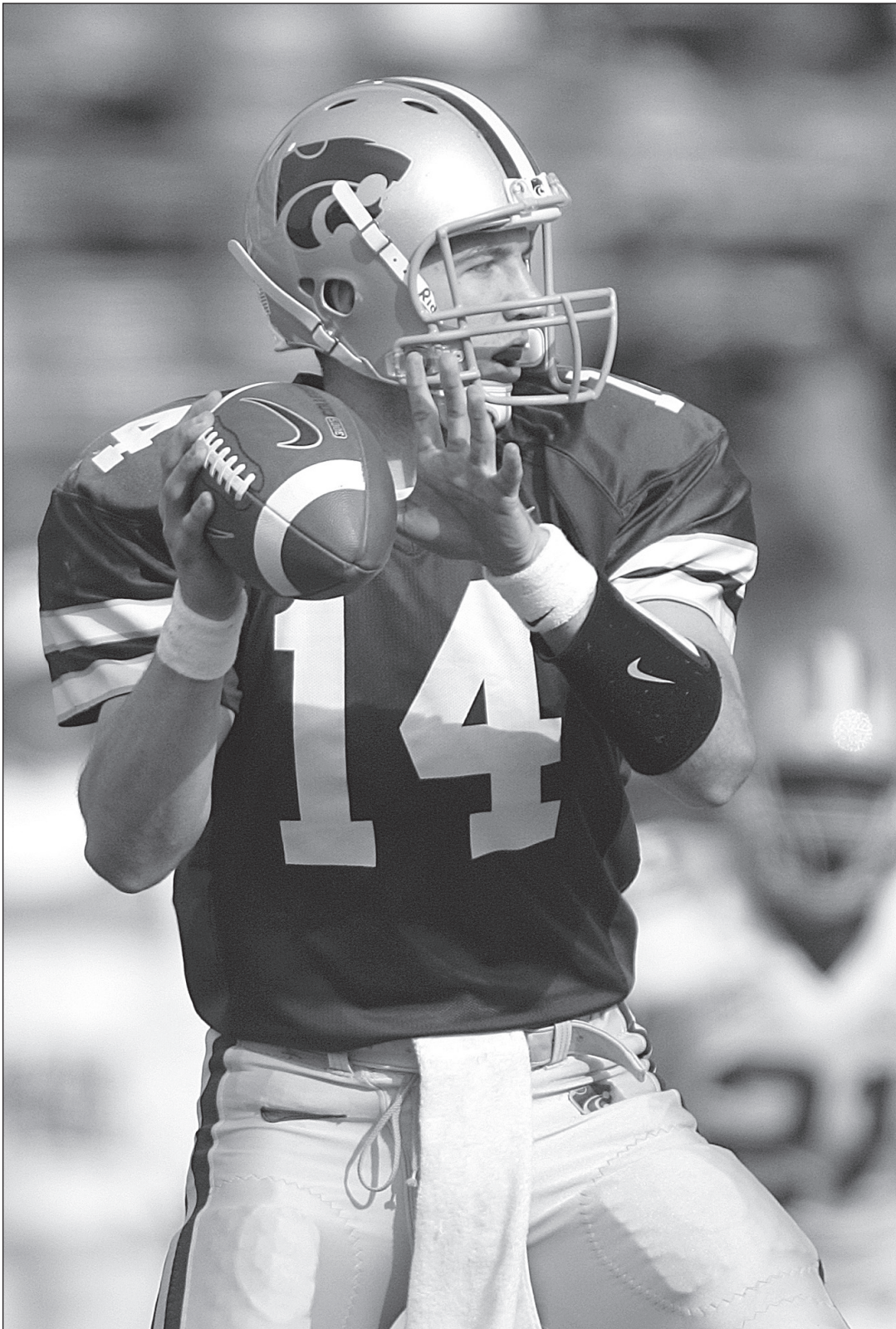
"I did all right," Valentine said. "I made some mistakes, but I just need to be consistent. I dropped a pass, and I could've hit a hole faster. But the offense did good mostly. We just need to be more consistent."

The Purple team went on to score two more times as junior kicker Josh Cherry made a 20-yard field goal and tight end Jeron Mastrud caught a four-yard touchdown pass from Coffman in the second quarter.

In typical Snyder fashion, Snyder flip-flopped the score at halftime to give his first team players motivation, and they didn't disappoint. The Purple team poured it on in the third quarter as the offense found the end zone three times and the defense forced two turnovers. The play of the day was no surprise, as senior wide receiver Brandon Banks put a jolt of excitement into the crowd of 12,804 with his 64-yard touchdown strike from Coffman in the third quarter.

"Carson [Coffman] threw a pretty good pass," Banks said. "He hit me in the hole, and I just made a couple guys miss and got in the end zone. I feel pretty good right about now."

Joining Banks in the end zone in the third quarter was senior wide-out Attrail Snipes as Coffman found him for a six-yard touchdown, and freshman running back Jarell Childs scored from one yard out.



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Quarterback **Carson Coffman** looks for an open receiver during the first half of the annual Purple-White Spring Game in Snyder Family Stadium. Coffman completed 25-of-36 passes for 334 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions.

The game featured a few impressive efforts as the Purple squad piled up 483 yards of total offense, while giving up only 123 yards on defense.

Junior quarterback Carson Coffman took snaps under center with the first team offense, throwing for 334 yards and three touchdowns. Coffman has a plethora of receivers to throw to, as he completed passes to eight different receivers.

"I would say [my performance] was all right," Coffman said. "I feel like I can get a lot better. I was hoping to score on every drive."

After the game, Coffman

received praise from his coach for his solid game under center.

"I thought he had a good third quarter," Snyder said. "That does not surprise me that he had a good third quarter."

Defensively for the Purple squad, a few individual players stood out. Sophomore linebacker Alex Hrebec recorded 19 total tackles, while sophomore defensive end Brandon Harold had nine tackles and three sacks, and senior safety Courtney Herndon and senior defensive tackle Jeffrey Fitzgerald both recorded an interception.

After having a team-high

in tackles, coach Snyder sang the praise of the former walk-on.

"He's a young guy that makes an effort to learn from his mistakes and try to improve himself," Snyder said of Hrebec. "He's normally going to be in the right place at the right time — that's important for linebackers."

The close of the game at Snyder Family Stadium Saturday marked the end of spring practices for the Wildcats.

K-State is scheduled to open the season this fall on Sept. 5 against the Massachusetts Minutemen at Snyder Family Stadium.

FOOTBALL

Snyder stresses need for stability

By Britton Drown
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The theme of K-State football's spring season this year has been achieving a sense of consistency.

Discuss the performance of the Wildcats this spring with head coach Bill Snyder and it won't be long before he uses the term to evaluate his squad, and it won't take much longer to realize he isn't satisfied.

He has made clear, however, that the team has made some improvements through the course of spring practices, and Saturday's annual Purple and White Spring Game scrimmage gave fans an opportunity to see the team for themselves.

The game was a rout with the Purple team, filled with first team starters, dominating the White 45-0.

Therefore it was somewhat painful to watch, yet it did answer several questions about the progress of Snyder's team.

Prior to the scrimmage, Snyder had said his quarterback, junior Carson Coffman, had made improvements throughout the spring practices, yet he, along with the vast majority of the team, struggled to remain consistent.

Snyder said Coffman had a good week leading up to the scrimmage; however, a disappointing Wednesday practice had set his progress back slightly.

"Good football teams develop consistency, and we are not there yet by any stretch of the imagination," Snyder said.

Based on his performance on Saturday, however, it seems as though Coffman is progressing and growing comfortable in the starting quarterback role. The 6-foot-3, 215 pound junior threw 334 yards for three touchdowns and no interceptions on 25-36 passing.

Most of Coffman's success came after the halftime break. The Purple team went into the halftime break with a mere 17-0 lead with Coffman only throwing for 90 yards on 9-of-14 throwing.

"I thought he had a good third quarter," Snyder said. "That doesn't surprise me that he had a good third quarter."

"It didn't surprise me that one, two and four were not so hot. But it just relates to [the fact that] he has to be consistent in order for the offense to be consistent."

That consistency in the third quarter led to the Purple's offensive explosion and was highlighted by Coffman's connections with receivers Brandon Banks and Attrail Snipes. The two receivers combined for six receptions in the quarter en route to the Purple team building a 38-0 lead.

The two receivers finished the game with a combined 14 receptions, 217 yards and two touchdown receptions.

On the defensive side of the ball, it was clear that linebacker Alex Hrebec was looking to make a statement as he recorded 19 tackles on the day for the Purple unit.

"He normally is going to be at the right place when he is supposed to be," Snyder said. "He will play hard and he will play aggressively and that says something about him to record 19 tackles."

While Coffman was successful in leading his team to a convincing victory in the spring game, it is clear the game has to be put into perspective and therefore it leaves many questions to be answered before Snyder's team takes the field in the fall.

BASEBALL

Wildcats sweep Cowboys after weather delay

Staff report
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

What was scheduled as a three-game series between the No. 16 Wildcats and the Oklahoma State Cowboys turned into a two-game sweep for K-State this weekend in Stillwater, Okla.

Inclement weather forced the series to be shortened after the second game of the series was postponed Sunday because of rain. This was after K-State had built a 3-2 lead over the Cowboys through six complete innings.

However, the field at Allie P. Reynolds stadium was determined to be unplayable on Sunday afternoon, and the Wildcats were given the official victory for the second game.

With the two victories this weekend, the Wildcats improved to 34-11-1 overall and 11-7 in Big 12 Conference play and moved to second in the conference. The 34 victories ties a single-season record for K-State for wins.

K-State opened the series with a 5-3 victory over the Cowboys behind another solid pitching performance by senior Lance Hodge. The left-handed pitcher worked 5 2/3 innings, giving up three earned runs and picked up his fifth victory of the season.

K-State's offense was able to pick up two runs in the top of the third off of Oklahoma State starter Andrew Oliver. Following back-to-back singles to open the inning by Jason King and Rob Vaughn, Dane Yelovich was able to hit a sacrifice bunt to advance both Cats into scoring position.

An infield single by Adam Muenster and sacrifice fly ball to left field by Carter Jurica put the Wildcats ahead 2-0.



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Nick Martini, Wildcat outfielder, hits the ball at the Wildcat's game against Missouri.

The K-State offense attacked again in the fourth inning, picking up two more runs to build a 4-0 lead.

The Cowboys attempted a comeback in the bottom of the fourth as they scored three runs, however the K-State bullpen held its ground behind a solid effort from sophomore Thomas Rooke. Rooke pitched 2 2/3 innings, giving up only one hit to preserve the Wildcat victory.

During the six innings the two teams were

able to complete during game two of the series, K-State received yet another stellar performance from junior ace A.J. Morris. The junior pitcher threw all six innings, giving up only two earned runs and struck out four en route to his 11th victory of the season.

K-State will have a quick turnaround as they face BYU in a two-game series beginning tonight at Tointon Family Stadium. First pitch is scheduled for 6:30.

TRACK AND FIELD

Individual performances highlight Nebraska Quad

Staff report
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Throughout the 2009 outdoor campaign, the K-State track and field team has received strong performances from upperclassmen and underclassmen alike. That trend continued during the past weekend as the Wildcats posted 10 regional qualifying marks and eight event titles at the Nebraska Quad in Lincoln, Neb.

Senior All-American Loren Groves added to her strong outdoor résumé by capturing titles in the hammer throw and discus. Her respective tosses of 201-11 and 161-1 earned her a pair of regional marks – her fifth and sixth of the season. Sophomore Ali Pistora earned the only other regional mark in women’s competition, winning the javelin with a throw of 157-9.

In the men’s competition, senior Mike Myer con-

tinued his solid season by winning the 100-meter and 200-meter. He posted his best times of the season in races that were not wind-aided at 10.45 and 20.99 seconds, respectively. Both times earned regional marks, bringing his team-leading total to eight.

After struggling through adverse weather conditions at the Drake Relays, senior Scott Sellers returned to form in the high jump. The seven-time All-American won the event while earning a regional mark with a leap of 7-2 1/4. Fellow senior Jason Collett earned a mark in the 800, finishing first with a time of 1:48.32.

Sophomore Jack Sachse earned the final event title for K-State, finishing first in the 1,500 with a time of 4:07.79.

In addition to the first-place finishers, three Wildcats earned regional marks while tallying second-place finishes at the one-day meet. Sophomore Moritz Cleve earned his second mark of the season in the 100-meter

hurdles with a time of 14.24. Freshman Cory Boulanger increased his season total to three with a javelin throw of 207-3.

Junior Eric Thomas earned K-State’s first mark in the men’s discus with a throw of 172-2. After the meet, the Wildcats have combined for 38 regional marks.

While the weekend was littered with strong individual performances, the Wildcats did not fare as well in team competition. The women finished third in the four-team field with a final score of 123.5 points and the men finished fourth with a score of 126.5.

K-State returns to action Saturday when it hosts the Ward Haylett Invitational.

The one-day meet, which will take place at R.V. Christian Track, is the only home action for the Wildcats this season. It is also the team’s last competition before the Big 12 Outdoor Championships in Lubbock, Texas.

ROWING

Team takes 2nd in tourney

Staff report
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State rowing team battled its way to its best finish against Big 12 Conference competition at the inaugural Big 12 Conference Championship. The Wildcats claimed silver in the team championship, trailing Texas by just three points and came up with a win over the Longhorns in the biggest race of the championship.

K-State tallied 48 points and dominated the day’s biggest race in the First Varsity 8+ despite unusual circumstances. At the beginning of the event, K-State came off the stake boat with a fast start, gaining half a boat length lead over the field by the 750-meter mark. However, the race was called to a halt by an umpire who felt one of the lanes had an unfair advantage due to a wake. All three first varsity boats were sent back to restart the race.

Having already expended themselves on the start, the Wildcats came off the second start behind their competitors but inched their way back even with the leading Texas boat by the 750-meter mark.

The Wildcats steadily increased their lead over the rest of the course, finishing nearly 10 seconds ahead of the Longhorns and earning 27 points in the most valuable race of the day. K-State crossed the line in 6:44.4 to defeat Texas, who finished in 6:53.8.

Coach Patrick Sweeney said he was very pleased with the First Varsity’s effort. He added he would have liked to see how his team had finished the initial race before the stoppage, but was impressed by the mental as well as physical toughness shown by his Wildcats in getting the job done despite the challenge of a restart.

The Wildcats finished second in the First Novice 8+, falling to Oklahoma. Sweeney said it was good to see the younger rowers put together a solid race as well, completing the course with technical proficiency that evidenced their progress this season.

K-State was edged out by Texas in the Varsity 4+ race by 0.4 seconds, helping provide the Longhorns with the cushion to hold off the comeback attempt by the Wildcats in the final race of the day.

Sweeney said the overall performance of the team was a feather in the cap for the seniors and was the culmination of their years of dedication to the team. He said it highlights their effort and is an indication for the younger rowers that future successes can come to K-State rowing if they follow in the same path as the First Varsity.

The strong showing of the Wildcats could serve as momentum heading into the NCAA Central Regional in two weeks where K-State will take on a number of strong crews in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

WORLD NEWS



SENATORS: OBAMA’S SELECTION FOR JUSTICE SHOULD HAVE WIDE EXPERIENCE

WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama’s search to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice David Souter should extend beyond the current roster of federal judges, senators from both political parties said Sunday.

“I would like to see more people from outside the judicial monastery, somebody who has had some real-life experience, not just as a judge,” said Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee that will hold hearings when Obama makes his nomination.

Noting that all nine justices came directly from the federal appeals court, senators on the committee said someone with a wider breadth of experience would be a plus.

When he was discussing the qualities he would seek in Souter’s successor, Obama said last week he wanted someone with empathy for average Americans. Conservatives fear that means the president would consider “judicial activists.”

Leahy said he expects the next justice to be confirmed by the court’s new term in October and that the president will consult with lawmakers from both parties.

Obama said Friday he would nominate a person who combines “empathy and understanding” with an impeccable legal background.

JOHN EDWARDS FACING FEDERAL INQUIRY FOR SPENDING OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS

RALEIGH, N.C. – His once-prominent political career is buried and the turmoil of his marriage is playing out in public. Now, John Edwards is facing a federal inquiry.

The two-time Democratic presidential candidate acknowledged Sunday that investigators are assessing how he spent his campaign funds – a subject that could carry his extramarital affair from the tabloids to the courtroom.

Edwards’ political action committee paid more than \$100,000 for video production to the firm of the woman with whom Edwards had an affair.

While Edwards focused his comment on campaign funds, he also had a range of other fundraising organizations – including two nonprofits and a poverty center at his alma mater – that have come under scrutiny.

Chief among them was the PAC that paid Rielle Hunter’s company for several months in 2006 for Web videos that documented Edwards’ travels and advocacy in the months leading up to his 2008 presidential campaign.

The committee also paid her firm an additional \$14,086.50 on April 1, 2007.

Edwards acknowledged the affair with Hunter last year, months after dropping his presidential bid.

PANAMA CHOOSES NEW PRESIDENT IN ELECTIONS AMID \$5.25 BILLION CANAL EXPANSION

PANAMÁ CITY – A conservative supermarket magnate was favored to win presidential elections Sunday that will determine who oversees expansion of the Panama Canal, the nation’s economic engine.

Ricardo Martinelli, of the opposition Alliance for Change, had a double-digit lead in the polls over former Housing Minister Balbina Herrera of Panama’s governing coalition, which is led by the Democratic Revolutionary Party. The winner, whose term ends in 2014, will guide Panama through the world economic crisis and the \$5.25 billion expansion of the canal to increase its capacity and accommodate larger ships.

Few problems were reported despite heavy turnout at the country’s 2,382 voting stations, observers from the Organization of American States said in a preliminary report issued after polls closed. Early returns were expected late Sunday.

The candidates cast their ballots and talked of unity, regardless of the outcome.

“I believe in God and the Panamanian people,” Herrera said at a school in the capital.


The winner takes office July 1, replacing President Martín Torrijos.

—The Associated Press

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REVIVAL | Concert develops through time

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Stewart said Sunset Revival has gone through several phases since its beginning. He said the event started as a small block party and is now a large-scale concert event.

Men's basketball coach Frank Martin and Willie the Wildcat also came to the concert.

Martin, who said he plans to attend again next year, said the revival is what college is all about.

Colin Fulgenzi, sophomore in mechanical engineering, talks with Rachel Padmanabhan, sophomore in biological science, while his dog Roush watches the performances at Sunset Revival on Saturday afternoon.

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THE EDGE

A pop of flavor

Missouri student creates alcohol-flavored snack

By Gloria Funcheon
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After watching a group of college kids sneak alcohol into a Kansas City movie theater, Cary Silverman had an idea to combine this beverage with popcorn. Silverman, senior at the University of Missouri, created Pub-Corn, the world's first beer- and cocktail-flavored popcorn, in 2008.

"People said I was crazy," Silverman said. "But what else are they going to say? If crazy is the worst they can say about me, then that's OK."

Pub-Corn did not sell well when initially marketed at the Hy-Vees in Missouri. But instead of conceding defeat, Silverman decided to place his product on the Internet. The Web site opened in January of this year and had immediate success.

"A couple people heard about it, and word spread like crazy," Silverman said. "The rest is history."

Though Pub-Corn features beer, Irish cream and piña colada flavors, the popcorn does not contain any alcoholic products.

Pub-Corn is expanding its flavors with margarita, which is scheduled to be available in May. Silverman said the business is also working on tequila, appletini, strawberry daiquiri and mojito flavors.

Because Pub-Corn does not use alcohol, the popcorn is a big hit with pregnant women, Silverman said.

"A lot of pregnant women are at the age where

they would enjoy alcohol," Silverman said. "We sell a lot to pregnant women who have the munchies but can't drink."

Though Silverman anticipates competitors, he said he doesn't think they'll be successful.

"People are going to try, but they'll never be able to do it," Silverman said. "Others don't have the story because they aren't the first. People remember the first."

Silverman said he has many entrepreneurial ideas that he has compiled on a single-spaced document.

"Some are goofy, but I like to look at it and dream about the future," he said.

Silverman also manages Grade Genie, a free online source for note sharing found on 27,000 colleges across the nation.

Silverman said he had a 99.9-percent chance of graduating this May and that he is really looking forward to giving Pub-Corn and Grade Genie his full attention.

"I just have to finish some Home-Ec classes," Silverman said. "Graduating won't be that big of a difference from now. I'll still wake up every day and try and make my businesses bigger."

Silverman attributes his success to his determination.

"Don't make it more complicated than it is," he said. "Just don't give up."

Ten-ounce containers of Pub-Corn are available for purchase, as well as more information on the product, at www.pub-corn.com.

"A sweet flavor, but as you taste it, the beer flavor comes out."

Natalie Pennington,
graduate student
in communication studies

"Irish cream tasted sweet, almost chocolatey."

Kyle Pryor,
senior in business management

"The beer tasted a little weird, but the aftertaste was really strong."

Alyssa Williams,
senior in graphic design

"You get a real hint of the beer flavor at the end of it."

Jacob Jensen,
junior in construction science
management

"I'd buy the Irish cream."

Jessica Haymaker,
senior in social work

"Oh my god, I never thought I'd like that, but the beer flavor tasted great."

Melissa Prescott,
sophomore in English
and women's studies

"The Irish cream really didn't taste like alcohol, more like caramel corn."

Maddie Schuler,
senior in accounting

Afternoon with Warren Buffett enlightening, educational



STEVEN MILLER

My girlfriend, Susan, and I arrive 45 minutes early, which, for an event like this, is practically late.

People have been waiting outside with coffee and sleeping bags through the night, all across town signs read "Welcome Berkshire Investors!" and this seven-hour meeting is the reason why. This is my first time to the Berkshire-Hathaway's Annual Shareholder Meeting.

The Qwest Convention Center is packed, the auditorium is filled and the chairs on the floor are all occupied. Altogether the attendance is said to be 35,000 people, all of them shareholders or the friends and family of shareholders.

The meeting opens with a question-and-answer session featuring Warren Buffett, Vice-Chairman Charlie Munger and three journalists who sit a different table (far too exclusive for the likes of me) beside the two financiers.

On paper, it's easy to feel ignorant of my place in the grand hierarchy of print journalism. In my mind, the biggest difference between the Collegian's metro desk and the one at the Times or the Post is merely a matter of circulation.

Looking down at the three journalists from my seat near the top of the giant stadium stands, though, I can't help but feel my distance from these colleagues of mine.

No matter how complex the question, Buffett and Munger each have a way of reducing and explaining in a simplified way.

When asked about potential problems with the financial literacy of future generations, Buffett says, "I think there's a problem with the financial literacy of the current generation."

On the irresponsible accounting assumptions that lead to foolish investments, Munger adds in the language of aged wisdom, "To a man with a hammer,

every problem looks pretty much like a nail."

This simplicity is taken to its utmost when an 11-year-old in a navy blue blazer asks, "How will inflation affect my generation?"

After much careful thought and several rewordings, Buffett settles on, "The best thing to do is invest in yourself." That is, in your own earning power.

Downstairs, the exposition hall is filled with stands presenting the various products of the Berkshire umbrella: M&M samples, a giant blow-up Geico Gecko and — in the middle of it all — a small fenced-in area housing four white-and-brown Shetland ponies. While the room moves busily and noisily around them, the ponies stand perfectly still. Above them a wooden sign reads "Wild West Show."

At one corner is a Fruit of the Loom store where one can purchase discount underwear; at the other corner is a booth for NetJet where people can order their own private jet. This is the range of Berkshire-Hathaway's shareholders.

When we see a twirling advertisement for "The Bookworm," we move like moths to a flame. I don't know why I'm surprised

that it's all financial books, but I am. I suppose it's the diversity of everything else that makes this stand out.

Obviously, wealth would promote books on wealth and not breakthrough novels or the poetry of contemporary masters. Books on accruing wealth sell like hot cakes. Collections of poetry lose everyone money, especially the poet.

We haven't seen half the exhibits before it's time to return to auditorium. The Q&A is about to begin again.

Buffett continues to reiterate something he said before the break: "Analyze the value of the business." He even elaborates on his perspective of investing. "If I buy a hamburger for x today and go in tomorrow and find it for 90 percent of x, I'm going to be happy. I'm going to be buying hamburgers for the rest of my life, so why be upset about buying it for x yesterday? That's how I feel about equities too. I'm going to be buying them the rest of my life, so I'm happy that they're cheap now."

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Utilize several basic trends essential to summer wardrobe



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With summer being a season of laid back barbecues and beach vacations, it is arguably one of the easiest seasons to dress for. Though there are several foundational garments every woman should have in her wardrobe, there are a few specific trends involving some basic apparel pieces that stand out for this summer.

FROM THE TOP

The white oxford shirt is certainly a classic wardrobe piece every woman should have. Many informal versions of the white oxford are available for summer, including shirts with rolled-up sleeve cuffs and safari-style pockets. These shirts go with almost anything, whether that is a pair of tailored shorts and ballet flats or slouchy boyfriend jeans and a

pair of heels.

Though vests are not one of the most obvious summer trends, they have become an increasingly popular layering piece among the fashion forward and will likely continue to gain popularity. Styles of vests for this season range from professional to casual and are made in a variety of fabrics, including structured woven fabric and relaxed knits.

The racerback tank continues to be a more interesting alternative to the basic tank top and is a style that flatters the arms, back and shoulders. Though the classic racerback usually has a thicker strap, many variations have been made to this original style.

BOTTOM LINE

Denim jeans are obviously a staple apparel piece, but one specific trend in denim has emerged this spring and will likely continue to gain popularity in the summer. The slouchy, distressed, light denim "boyfriend" jean has increased in popularity this year as a result of celebrities like Kate Hudson and Katie Holmes wearing the style. Though this style can be worn with any type of shoe, pairing the jeans with a metallic heel or sandal will nicely contrast the casualness of the jeans.

While shorts are usually seen as an ultra-casual garment, a variety of tailored dress shorts are available in a wide range of lengths. Among the most popular are wide-cuffed short shorts. The crisp structure of these shorts offsets

the shorter length, creating a put-together look.

DRESS TO IMPRESS

We've all heard about "The Little Black Dress," but for the upcoming summer you can substitute in "The Little White Dress." White has been a major color trend this spring, as neutral tones have recently dominated fashion. In spite of the simplicity of the color, white can bring freshness to a look and create a blank palette, leaving room for bold statement accessories. In dresses, the clean color can also allow for more stylistic details in the design and materials.

The shirt-dress has made a comeback in recent years and continues to be a fashionable and comfortable look for the summer. Because of the simplicity of the style, accessories such as belts and shoes are important to complete the overall look of the outfit.

Each of these trends is classic enough that even if you don't already have some of the pieces, you can buy them and know you'll be able to wear them for a while since they won't quickly go out of style. Also, the pieces can be mixed and matched, creating multiple summer outfits.

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